## LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Labor/Economic Development Thursday, September 3, 2009 3:01 P.M. Third Floor, City Hall

Present: Chair: CM Butler
Vice Chair: CM Peden

Members: CM Engel, (Arrived at 3:10) CM King and

CM Owen (Arrived at 3:10)

Chairwoman Butler began the meeting, by announcing the members and non-members of the committee that were present. A quorum was established.

## **AGENDA**

R-177-09-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT AND ENACT A GRANT FROM THE US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000 FOR THE BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT AND CLEANUP COOPERATIVE PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE LOUISVILLE METRO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

Status: In-Committee Primary Sponsor: David Tandy

Motion to approve made by Jim King and seconded by James Peden.

**Discussion**: Susan Hamilton, Assistant Director with the Economic Development Department, spoke to the item stating this is a three year grant and there are no matching funds.

James Peden asked that full grants be sent to the Committee for review in the future. Ms Hamilton agreed.

By voice vote, this resolution was sent to the Consent Calendar.

R-145-08-09 A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO 2009 SPENDING OF FEDERAL ECONOMIC RENEWAL GRANTS BY LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT.

Status: In Committee - Tabled

Committee: Labor & Economic Development

**Primary Sponsor:** 

Marianne Butler Rick Blackwell Vicki Aubrey Welch

Motion to untable made by Jim King and seconded by Marianne Butler. By voice vote this resolution was untabled.

**Discussion**: Motion to Amend as follows made by James Peden and seconded by Robin Engel.

- Section 1. The Louisville Metro Council would like to maximize the creation of American jobs and restoring economic growth and opportunity by spending economic recovery plan funds on <u>U. S.</u> products and services that both create jobs and help keep Americans employed.
- Section 2. The Louisville Metro Government would like to purchase only products and services that are
  made of or performed in the United States of America whenever and wherever possible with any
  economic recovery monies provided to Louisville Metro Government by the American taxpayers.
  Whenever and wherever possible, Louisville Metro Government is encouraged to purchase products and
  services that are made of or performed in the U.S.A. when using economic recovery monies
- Section 3. The Louisville Metro Council would like to waive procurement priorities so as to give American
  workers and producers the opportunity to identify and provide the American products and services that
  will maximize the success of our nation's economic recovery program.
- Section 4 became Section 3

The following was discussed:

- Stimulus money should be used for United States products and United States jobs
- Possibility that some companies will not come here because of this resolution
- Many jobs we have depend on buying and selling products from other countries
- Free trade
- Section 3 is outside the scope of recovery dollars
- Our procurement guidelines are waived if using stimulus funds but Federal procurement guidelines are still used
- Stimulus Monies are expected to stimulate the US economy
- Tracking stimulus money
- Transparency

Bill Warner, Assistant County Attorney stated this is a request; it is not mandatory.

The Amendment passed.

By voice vote this resolution as amended was sent to **Old Business**.

O-6-01-09 AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON NEW DEVELOPMENTS WHICH INCLUDE THE RETAIL SALES OF GASOLINE. (Reintroduced 7-16-09)

Status: In Committee - Held

Committee: Labor & Economic Development

Primary Sponsor: Dan Johnson

**Discussion**: This item remained **Held in Committee**.

Without objection the meeting adjourned at 3:35 P.M.

\*NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting on September 22, 2009.

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